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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Within an interactive voice response system, a method of aggregating conference calls comprising the steps of:
registering a caller with the interactive voice response system;
authorizing access to a calendar system containing at least a telephone number for a scheduled conference call;
accessing [[a]] ~~the~~ calendar system used by the registered caller to determine teleconference data specifying at least a telephone number for a scheduled conference call;
at approximately a time of the conference call, automatically calling the telephone number for the conference call;
establishing contact with the registered caller; and
joining the registered caller with the conference call.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, said step of establishing contact further comprising the step of calling the registered caller.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, said step of establishing contact further comprising the step of receiving a call from the registered caller, wherein one or more programmatic rules are applied for determining which teleconference the registered caller joins.

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4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, said accessing step further comprising the step of obtaining a list of conference call participants and telephone numbers for each conference call participant from the calendar system, wherein access to the calendar is an authorization process.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, said establishing step further comprising the step of calling each conference call participant.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, said establishing step further comprising the step of receiving telephone calls within the interactive voice response system from each conference call participant.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, said establishing step further comprising the step of authenticating each conference call participant prior to joining each conference call participant to the conference call.

8. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

registering a caller with the interactive voice response system;
authorizing access to a calendar system containing at least a telephone number for a scheduled conference call;

accessing [[a]] the calendar system used by the registered caller to determine teleconference data specifying at least a telephone number for a scheduled conference call;

at approximately a time of the conference call, automatically calling the telephone

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number for the conference call;
establishing contact with the registered caller; and
joining the registered caller with the conference call.

9. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 8, said step of establishing contact further comprising the step of calling the registered caller.

10. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage of claim 8, said step of establishing contact further comprising the step of receiving a call from the registered caller, wherein one or more programmatic rules are applied for determining which teleconference the registered caller joins.

11. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 8, said accessing step further comprising the step of obtaining a list of conference call participants and telephone numbers for each conference call participant from the calendar system.

12. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 11, said establishing step further comprising the step of calling each conference call participant.

13. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 8, said establishing step further comprising the step of receiving telephone calls within the interactive voice response system from each conference call participant.

14. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 13, said establishing step further comprising the step of authenticating each conference call participant prior to joining each conference call participant to the conference call.

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15. (Currently Amended) A system for aggregating conference calls comprising:
a network accessible calendar system[[,]] having calendar data for at least one user,
~~wherein the calendar data specifies specifying~~ times for teleconferences and telephone
numbers for the teleconferences and configured to authorize access of a caller registered
with the system; and

an interactive voice response system configured to scan the calendar system data
for a scheduled teleconference and obtain teleconference data specifying at least a
telephone number for the scheduled teleconference, wherein said interactive voice
response system automatically calls the telephone number for the teleconference at
approximately a time the teleconference is scheduled, establishes contact with the [[user]]
the registered caller, and joins the [[user]] the registered caller to the teleconference.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for aggregating conference calls comprising:
means for registering a caller with the system;
means for authorizing access to a calendar system containing at least a telephone
number for a scheduled conference call;

means for accessing [[a]] the calendar system used by the registered caller to
determine teleconference data ~~specifying at least a telephone number for a scheduled~~
~~conference call;~~

means for, at approximately a time of the conference call, automatically calling the
telephone number for the conference call;

means for establishing contact with the registered caller; and

means for joining the registered caller with the conference call.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, said means for establishing contact further

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comprising means for calling the registered caller.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16, said means for establishing contact further comprising means for receiving a call from the registered caller, wherein one or more programmatic rules are applied for determining which teleconference the registered caller joins.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, said means for accessing further comprising means for obtaining a list of conference call participants and telephone numbers for each conference call participant from the calendar system.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, said means for establishing further comprising means for calling each conference call participant.

21. (Original) The system of claim 16, said means for establishing further comprising means for receiving telephone calls within the interactive voice response system from each conference call participant.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, said means for establishing further comprising means for authenticating each conference call participant prior to joining each conference call participant to the conference call.

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